

# Spokane County, WA – Industrial Pretreatment Program

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## **Enforcement activities:**

Spokane County is responsible for enforcing the requirements of the Industrial Pretreatment Program. The County maintains an Enforcement Response Plan (ERP) that establishes the procedures for investigating and responding to instances of industrial users noncompliance. The purpose of developing and following the ERP is so that the enforcement against industrial users is objective and consistent.

In general the industrial users reports and the County's monitoring activities are the basis for evaluation of industrial user compliance. Wastewater discharge permit limit exceedances, discrepancies, deficiencies and late reports are all violations that must be resolved.

The level of enforcement actions ranges from a simple telephone call (informal action) to judicial remedies. Escalating enforcement response will be used for recurring violations and failure to achieve compliance subsequent to formal or informal enforcement.

Informal enforcement options include:

- Phone Call
- Email Notification
- Compliance Meeting
- Notice of Violation

Formal enforcement responses are:

- Notice of Significant Non-Compliance
- Administrative Order
- Show Cause Hearing
- Termination of Services
- Civil Litigation/Court Enforcement
- Referral to EPA or the State

Other administrative enforcement remedies include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Consent Order
- Compliance Order
- Cease and Desist Order
- Suspension, Termination of Service Orders
- Administrative Fines